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Developments in Connection with the MEISTER Trial

RE: MEISTER, 20 Oct 1987

MEMORANDUM: The following document presents comments by Commandant, Command and Control regarding the opening of the MEISTER trial. It also contains information regarding the current situation in connection with the trial, including developments and developments concerning the recently held interview between Charles E. Gandy and Richard Meister. The document also includes a report concerning Wolfgang Meister, MEISTER's son, who was one of the MEISTER group who turned himself in to the police on Saturday, 19 October in order to a fraud warrant issued by the West German Attorney in Stuttgart. An attachment we are forwarding includes press clippings from West Berlin newspapers which indicate the type of press coverage currently being given to the MEISTER trial.

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~~AREND and arranged to meet him. He met with AREND shortly thereafter, explained to him that he was now generally known that he was staying in Freiburg and talked his into turning himself in. [] accompanied him to the police station, provided him with 50 DM for pocket money, provided him with cigarettes and told him to let his know if there was anything else he could do for him. Note: The loss of AREND actually isn't particularly significant since there wasn't a great deal more that he could do for us in his capacity as a penetration of GARTH and HESSIG, particularly in view of the fact that HESSIG now has direct contact with HESSIG. We feel, however, that [] has been of service to us and that we should be glad to provide him with reasonable assistance, e.g., cigarettes, pocket money, etc. to the tune of DM 200.00 or so. We currently have no information regarding the nature of the charges against him but [] that we will hear about them during the next few months.~~

12. There is one further point regarding AREND which should be made before closing the cell door behind him. On 5 October he met, quite by chance, with Werner GLASENAPP in Münchingen in Neuköln. GLASENAPP, who has been suspiciously quiet of late, appeared to be fully conversant regarding the latest happenings in the [] case and also regarding the current activities of both HESSIG and AREND. He accused AREND of having contact with HESSIG's enemies [] and told him that this was certainly no way to repay the hospitality which HESSIG had shown to him. He also accused AREND of failing to provide HESSIG with certain written declarations (schriftliche Erklärungen) despite the fact that he had promised to do so. AREND countered by reminding GLASENAPP that HESSIG had put him (AREND) in contact with one "Herr HESSIG" who requested him to prepare written reports regarding his discussions with [] in Hanover in April 1951 (see paragraph 40 of BBBA-45501) and concerning certain former POLIGEN co-workers about whom AREND had knowledge; when AREND hesitated, "Herr HESSIG" suggested that possibly AREND would rather think it over in jail. AREND pointed out to GLASENAPP that "Herr HESSIG" was in fact [] and implied to GLASENAPP that this deceit on HESSIG's part also was not particularly hospitable. He told GLASENAPP that this was the reason why HESSIG let it be known to certain of his friends that he (AREND) had contact to his (HESSIG's) enemies. This apparently escalated the discussion and they parted with the understanding that they would meet again, GLASENAPP promising to contact HESSIG in the meantime.

13. A second meeting between the two of them took place a few days later which was not substantially different from the first. GLASENAPP had been unable to contact HESSIG directly and therefore had little information to pass on to AREND. They parted once again with the understanding that AREND would telephone GLASENAPP to arrange yet another meeting. To our knowledge, a third meeting did not take place. Note: The content of these discussions between AREND and GLASENAPP does not appear to be particularly significant. The fact that GLASENAPP is still playing some kind of a role in the [] case, however, may be of considerable significance. We know through CALLIKAK that he continues to intrigue

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in connection with the Berlin segment of the DP/PWP. We also know that he has a very extensive correspondence and is in contact with enumerable politicians and businessmen both in West Berlin and West Germany. We shall continue to watch him in the hope that we will turn up something which will explain his activities. We still feel that he has Eastern contacts.

16. We are ~~forwarding~~ a number of newspaper clippings regarding [] and his trial which have been published in recent editions of various West Berlin newspapers. Although coverage to date has been generally restrained, the [] trial may at any time become the major news story of the day in West Berlin. We shall keep you advised.

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